

Level: 3ASLLE

School Year : 2011-2012

Time : 3H30min

Second Term English Examination

2<sup>nd</sup> subject

**Part one: Reading Comprehension**

**Read the text carefully, and answer the questions**

The « modernization » of business and industry happened later in Britain than it did in most other European countries. It was not until the 1960s that large corporations started to dominate and that a "management class", trained at business school, began to emerge. Even after that time, many companies still preferred to recruit their managers from people who had "worked their way up" through the company ranks and/ or who personally know to the directors. Only in the 1980s did graduate business qualifications become the norm for newly hired managers.

British industry performed poorly during the decades following the Second World War. In contrast, British agriculture was very successful. In this industry; large scale organization (i.e.big farms) had been more common in Britain than in other European countries for quite a large time.

As in all European countries, the economic system in Britain is a mixture of private and public enterprise. Exactly how much of the country's economy is controlled by the state has fluctuated a great deal in the fifty years and has been the subject of continual political debate. From 1945 until 1980 the general trend was for the state to have more and more control. Various industries became nationalized (in other words, owned by the government), especially those concerned with the production and distribution of energy. So too did the various forms of transport and communication services (as well, of course, as the provision of education, social welfare and health care). By 1980, "pure" capitalism probably formed as smaller of the economy than in any other country in Western Europe.

Britain James O'Driscoll

**1. Circle the letter corresponding to the right answer**

The text is:

- a- A web article
- b- A newspaper article
- c- An extract from a book.

**2. Choose the appropriate answer:**

Large scale organization means:

- a- Successful farms.
- b- Good farms
- c- Big farms.

**3. Are the following statements true or false? Write "T" for True and "F" for false next to the sentence letter, then correct the false ones.**

- a- The modernization of business and commerce happened in the twentieth century.
- b- Industries concerned with energy are not owned by the government
- c- The economic system in Britain is based on private sectors.

**4. Answer the following questions according to the text**

- a- Did the modernization of business and industry happen in the nineteenth century?
- b- Compare the British industry and British agriculture during the decades following the Second World War.
- c- Did the government own many industries?

**B- Text Exploration:**

**1. Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following**

- a- Occurred (\$1)
- b- Big(\$1)
- c- Appear (\$1)
- d- Usual (\$2)

2. Which verbs can be derived from the following nouns?

- a- Management
- b- Economy
- c- Work
- d- Thought

3. Complete sentence "b" so that it means as the same as sentence "a"

- a1- The English will never forgive the German for working hard.
- b1- The German.....
- a2- The government didn't pretend that greater poverty didn't exist and it didn't promise to do anything radical about it.
- b2- The government neither .....nor.....
- a3- Although more than half of the British population has money invested in the city, most people are unaware of what goes on in the world's high finance.
- b3- In spite of .....
- a4- Despite its economic decline, Britain is one of the wealthiest places in the world.
- B4- Although.....

4. Underline the stressed syllable in the following words

- a- Economic
- b- Machine
- c- Country
- d- Organization

**Part two: Written expression**

In a composition of 10 lines say if you are for privatization or no. justify your answer.

End

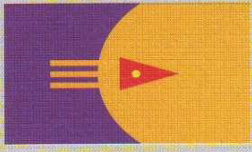
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Good Luck

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## Correction of the second Term English Exam

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### Section one:

a- Comprehension

1. C
2. C
3. A) T  
b) F  
c) F

4. a) No, it didn't.

b) British industry performed poorly whereas, British agriculture was very successful.

c) Yes, it did.

b- Text exploration

1. a) Happened      b) Large      c) Emerge      d) Common
2. a) To manage      b) to economize      c) To work      d) To think.
3. a) The Germans will never be forgiven by the English for working hard.  
b) The government neither pretended that poverty didn't exist nor promised to do anything radical about it.  
c) In spite of having money invested in the city, most people are unaware of what goes in the world's high finance.  
d) Although its economy has declined, Britain is one of the wealthiest places in the world.
4. Commmerce - Machine - Country - Organization

### Part two:

I am for privatization because I believe that all what is private is well done and even perfect.

Unlike public sectors, which encourage laziness, private ones encourage hard working, discipline, law and order.

It also calls for investing, competition and therefore a great benefit and prosperity to both individual and society.

